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Wildfire Safety Training for Reporters and Photographers Wednesday June 2, 2004

Sacramento - With the devastating wildfires of Southern California in our recent memories as well as the image of one media crew barely escaping with their lives, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) urges reporters and photographers to register for our Wildfire Safety Training. On June 2, 2004, CDF will offer a basic fire safety class to media staff who will be covering wildfires this year. For your convenience a morning session and an identical afternoon session will be offered.

The training will include:

- How to use the system to get the story safely and quickly
- Media access rights and laws
- The basics of wildfire behavior what to watch for
- Professional recommendations on how to survive in several emergency situations

Dress is casual, because we will practice the timed deployment of an emergency fire shelter.

What: Media Safety Training When: Wednesday June 2, 2004

AM session 8:30 – 12 noon PM session 1:00 – 4:30

Where: CDF Headquarters

1416 9th Street Room 1506 Sacramento, California

Last minute attendees will be welcome, but we would appreciate confirmation in order to plan for hand-outs and fire shelters. Please call (916) 653-5123.

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